

**BUTLER FAMILY PAPERS**  
**1834-1949**

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## INTRODUCTION

These papers of the Butler family of Sumer County., Tennessee, from the nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century were given to the Manuscript Division by Mrs. H. Lester Simpson., Nashville, Tennessee; genealogical material was the gift of Mrs. Leah S. O'Donnal., Mesa., Arizona. The collection numbers approximately 90 items. Literary rights to the unpublished materials in these papers have been dedicated to the public. Single photocopies of unpublished material may be made for purposes of scholarly research,

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of the Butler family of Sumner County, Tenn., containing approximately 90 items, cover the period 1834-1949. Most of the papers are receipts, many of which are those of William F. Butler (1855-1926), who lived at Fountain Head, Sumner County, Tennessee. Also included are the following: (1) Federal government promises to pay for corn, etc., appropriated during the Civil War (1862-63) made out to Oliver Porter Butler (1818-1875), father of William F. Butler, and a merchant and farmer of Fountain Head; (2) various land records of Sumner County and land records re the Fountain Head Methodist Episcopal Church South; (3) various other receipts; and (4) genealogical data including Xerox copies of the will of Aaron Butler (ca. 1782-1848), pioneer settler in Sumner County; a biographical sketch [source unknown] of his son, Oliver Porter Butler; records of 2 family Bibles (7 pages) of Butler family members; and a typed pedigree chart of William F. Butler.

**William F. Butler**  
**1855-1926**

Occupation unknown, although one donor, Mrs. H. Lester Simpson, says that he was called "Judge" during the latter years of his life when she knew him

July 12, 1855 - born at family homestead in Fountain Head, Sumner County, Tennessee

Parents: Oliver Porter Butler (1818-1885) and Mary Ann (Sarver) Butler (1830-1875)

He was the oldest son., resided at the family home in Fountain Head and subsequently inherited it

Sept. 10, 1879 - married in Sumner County Fannie Ann Pond (1862-1949),, daughter of the Hon. W. G. Pond and Nannie J. (Lain) Pond

1896 - as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he and his wife donated some land near Fountain Head to the Church

His only child was: Oliver Pond Butler(1882-1959)

## CONTAINER LIST

1. Accounts - Civil War appropriations from individuals, 1862-1863
2. Land records - Fountain Head, Tennessee, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1892-1910
3. Land records - Sumner County,, Tennessee, 1834-1910
4. Receipts - W. F. Butler, Sumner County, Tennessee, 1898-1903
5. Receipts - State and County Taxes - 1873-1926
6. Receipts, etc., miscellaneous - 1859-1949
7. Genealogical data